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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND SPAIN: OPPOSITION CAUSES CON-  
VERSY

REF A-69 OF MAR 25, 1975

1. SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO WELL-INFORMED LEADER IN  
SPANISH OPPOSITION, EC COMMISSIONERS VOTED APR 7 TO MAKE  
FORMAL REPLY TO GOS COMPLAINT ABOUT LETTER ADDRESSED TO GOS  
ON PERSONAL BASIS BY FIVE EC COMMISSIONERS PROTESTING  
WITHDRAWAL OF PASSPORTS FROM FIVE SPANISH OPPOSITION LEADERS  
WHO TOOK PART IN MEETING MAR 10-14 IN STRASBOURG WITH  
EC LEADERS (REFAIR). END SUMMARY

2. GARCIA TREVIJANO, WELL-KNOWN LAWYER AND ACTING  
ORGANIZATIONAL SECRETARY OF "JUNTA DEMOCRATICA", A GROUP WHOSE  
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MAIN POWER BASE IS SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY, TOLD EMBOFF  
APR 8 THAT JUNTA'S PLENUM MET IN STRASBOURG MAR 10-14  
AND HELD MEETINGS WITH SEVEN EC COMMISSIONERS (REFAIR).  
SINCE HIS RETURN FROM STRASBOURG GOS HAD ORDERED HIM TO

TURN IN HIS PASSPORT; FOUR OTHER SPANIARDS WHO ATTENDED MEETING HAVE ALSO HAD TO TURN IN PASSPORTS INCLUDING WELL-KNOWN LAWYER RAUL MORODO, A KEY FIGURE IN POPULAR SOCIALIST PARTY OF TIerno GALVAN.

3. ACCORDING TO TREVIANO, GOS HAD RECEIVED TELEGRAM FROM FIVE EC COMMISSIONERS WHO, IN THEIR PRIVATE CAPACITY, PROTESTED WITHDRAWAL OF PASSPORTS. GOS, HE SAID, REACTED SHARPLY TO MESSAGE AND INSTRUCTED GOS AMBASSADOR TO EC, ULLASTRES, TO RAISE MATTER FORMALLY WITH EC. SOAMES AND HAERKAMP REPORTEDLY LED EFFORT TO SUPPORT PRIVATE ACTION OF FIVE COMMISSIONERS. WHEN ISSUE RAISED WITH ALL COMMISSIONERS APR 7, CONSENSUS WAS THAT VOTE SHOULD BE TAKEN. IN SUBSEQUENT VOTING TEN COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTED DECISION TO APPROVE ACTION TAKEN BY ORIGINAL SEVEN IN PROTESTING PRIVATELY TO GOS.

4. "YA" (INDEPENDENT) REPORTED ABOVE FACTS APR 10 SAYING THAT ULLASTRES HAS ALSO SEEN SOAMES ON ISSUE. FIVE SIGNATURES TO TELEGRAM WERE REPORTEDLY SPINELLI, SIMONET, CHEYSON, THOMPSON AND HAERKAMP. APR 10 EDITION OF "YA" REPORTED THAT EC PUBLICATION "EUROPE" CONTAINED STATEMENT REFERRING TO ISSUE CONFIRMING TRANSMITTAL TO PRESIDENT ORTOLI (ONE OF PARTICIPANTS IN STRASBOURG MEETING WITH JUNTA DEMOCRATICA LEADERS) OF GOS NOTE PROTESTING TELEGRAM OF FIVE COMMISSIONERS. ACCORDING TO "EUROPE" STATEMENT, ORTOLI TOLD SPANISH MISSION THAT COMMISSIONERS HAD ACTED ON OWN ACCOUNT AND ANY OTHER INTERPRETATION WOULD BE INCORRECT. MOREOVER, SOAMES REPORTEDLY TOLD ULLASTRES THAT "COMMISSION AS SUCH HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH TELEGRAM."

5. COMMENT: PASSPORT ISSUE HAS RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE PUBLICITY IN SPAIN AND, AS SEEN FROM OUTSIDE SPAIN, CAN DAMAGE GOS EFFORTS TO PROJECT MORE LIBERAL IMAGE CONSISTENT WITH PREMIER ARIAS NAVARRO'S ANNOUNCED PROGRAM. GOS' SHARP REACTION TO EC COMMISSIONERS TELEGRAM HAS RESULTED IN CONFIDENTIAL

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ADDITIONAL PUBLICITY WHICH CAN ONLY FACILITATE DEMOCRATIC JUNTA'S EFFORTS TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON ITS ACTIVITIES. ON OTHER HAND, SOME EC COMMISSIONERS, BY APPROVING OF USE OF EC FACILITIES IN STRASBOURG FOR HOLDING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PLENUM OF JUNTA, EITHER KNOWINGLY OR UNKNOWINGLY, HAVE GIVEN JUNTA, WHICH HAS DECIDEDLY LEFTIST PROGRAM AND IS DOMINATED BY SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY, DESIRED RESPECTABILITY AND AURA OF IMPORTANCE WHICH IS NOT WARRANTED BY EC INTERESTS. EMBASSY HOPES THAT, AS SUGGESTED IN REPAIR, U.S. EMBASSIES AND MISSIONS WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE WITH EUROPEAN COMMUNITY CONTACTS, ALERTING THEM TO THE TACTICS EMPLOYED BY THIS PARTICULAR GROUPING OF THE SPANISH OPPOSITION.

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